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EO 12065: GDS 12/8/87 (KEANE, J.F.) OR-P

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, AR

SUBJECT: (U) POLITICIANS DEMAND CLARIFICATION OF FATE OF DISAPPEARED

1. (U) THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE MULTIPARTIDARIA HAS CALLED FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE FATE OF THE DISAPPEARED. THIS PROPOSAL, ALONG WITH CALLS FOR A LIFTING OF THE STATE-OF-SIEGE AND EARLY ELECTIONS, IS CONTAINED IN A PAPER LEAKED TO THE MEDIA AFTER BEING PRESENTED TO LEADERS OF THE FIVE-PARTY GROUPING WHO SAY THEY PLAN A MAJOR STATEMENT TO THE NATION IN MID-DECEMBER.

2. (U) THE DRAFT ACCUSES THE MILITARY OF "REPRESSION THAT IGNORED HUMAN RIGHTS" AND GOVERNING THE COUNTRY FOR THE BENEFIT OF AN EXCLUSIVE ELITE. AT THE SAME TIME THE DRAFT ASSURES THE MILITARY THAT "THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE WILL NOT SEEK REVENGE," BUT THEY SAY THAT THE MILITARY CANNOT EXPECT A LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO BE ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT ALL CITIZENS HAVE FOR THEIR ACTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

3. COMMENT: THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MULTIPARTIDARIA HAS OFTEN BEEN CAUTIOUS, AND IT MAY REJECT LANGUAGE THAT WOULD IMPERIL FUTURE CONTACTS WITH THE MILITARY. NEVERTHELESS, MANY POLITICIANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE LEFT, HAVE NEVER RAISED THEIR VOICES EARLIER ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THEY MAY SEE THIS AS A USEFUL INSTRUMENT TO REMIND THE MILITARY THAT THEY WILL NEED THE PARTIES' AGREEMENT -- AND IT WON'T BE COST-FREE -- TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO INVESTIGATION OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DISAPPEARED. SHLAUDEMAN

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